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WEATHER—Snow to-night and to-morrow.

TEUTONS ASK WILSON TO WORK FOR PEACE 3,000,000 MEN FOR DEFENSE, SCOTT URGES

1,500,000 TO MEET INVADERS, AS MANY MORE IN 90 DAYS, GEN. SCOTT'S DEFENSE PLAN

Army Staff Head Also Endorses
Universal Military Training
Before Senate Committee.

VOLUNTEER PLAN HIT.

Mobilization of Guard at
Border Complete Failure,
Says Gen. Wood.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Major Gen. Scott, Chief of Staff of the Army, told the Senate Military Committee to-day that the Army General Staff recommended without apology that the volunteer system be discarded because "the time has come when this country, unless it intends to avoid war at any cost, must resort to universal liability to military training and service."

Speaking before the same committee, Major Gen. Leonard Wood, former Chief of Staff, declared that nothing could be more pronounced than the complete failure of the mobilization of the militia forces along the border.

Arraigning the volunteer system as extravagant, inefficient and dangerous, the Chief of Staff told the committee that universal training would be democratic, reliable, efficient and economical, and within a few years would practically render the United States immune from attack.

"It would be democratic," he said, "because the burden of national defense would fall equally upon all citizens. It would make it impossible for any man or group of men to trade upon the nation's necessities in time of war. The system would be reliable because it would produce each year the number of men necessary to be trained."

"It would be economical because it would be based upon recognition by the people of the duty of the individual to render personal service and in carrying it into effect the Government would not have to compete in the labor market. It would be efficient because it would enable us to prepare adequately for war before war comes."

MEXICAN CRISIS SHOWED GUARD SYSTEM A FAILURE.
At the outset Gen. Scott pointed out that the Mexican crisis had failed to recruit many National Guard organizations, even to their minimum peace strength.

ARCHBOLD LEFT \$20,000,000 ESTATE TO HIS FAMILY

Widow and Three Children
Divide Fortune of Standard
Oil Millionaire.

The will of the late John D. Archbold, the Standard Oil millionaire, was filed for probate this afternoon in the Surrogate's office. It is very brief and leaves his entire estate to his widow and children. They are all named as executors to serve without bonds.

The will contains only one specific bequest—that of Mr. Archbold's house and estate at Tarrytown, which is given to his widow, Mrs. Annie M. Archbold.

While it has been rumored that Mr. Archbold was worth \$5,000,000 or more, an old friend long associated with him in business assured The Evening World that it would run to not more than \$20,000,000.

The residue of the estate is divided into three parts, of which one-third is given to the widow, Mrs. Annie M. Archbold. The remaining two-thirds is divided equally between the testator's children—John F. Archbold, Mrs. Mary A. Van Buren of Newport, R. I., and Mrs. Anne M. Sanderson of England.

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ALL U. S. COAST CITIES TO BE SAFE FROM ATTACK

New Guns Will Render Them Immune Within Twelve Months, Gen. Weaver Tells House Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—American seacoast cities—on the Pacific and Atlantic—will be made safe from any hostile naval attack now possible within the coming twelve months, Major Gen. E. M. Weaver, Chief of the Coast Artillery Service, told the House Military Committee to-day.

"Our coast defenses will be able to protect amply all cities we are charged with protecting and stand off any naval attacks we can now conceive of," Gen. Weaver told the committee. Within the year 30,000-yard range guns—out of sight range—will be installed at the few coast defense stations not now possessing them, Weaver said.

The new coast defense at San Francisco will be equipped with 16-inch 40,000-yard range guns.

BANKER, 83, IN RAGE CALLS OFF WEDDING TO SINGER ONLY 28

Manning Angered by Hint That He Was to Settle \$500,000 on Miss O'Brien.

"COMPLETELY ALL OFF."

Announcement by Heiress to His \$15,000,000 Estate—Marriage Was Set for To-morrow

Notwithstanding John B. Manning, eighty-three-year-old millionaire, took his fiancée, Miss Honora May O'Brien, twenty-eight years old, stenographer, linguist, musician and a pronounced beauty, to visit Cardinal Farley in the Archbishop's residence yesterday, and in the presence of two of his children made arrangements for their wedding early to-morrow, it was announced to-day at his home, No. 81 Riverside Drive, there would be no marriage.

"You may say for us," said Miss Manning, an unmarried daughter of the aged millionaire, to The Evening World at noon, "there will be no wedding to-morrow or any other day. It is all off—completely all off."

The decision of Mr. Manning to heed the advice of the six heirs to the banker's \$15,000,000 fortune came after a continuous session of the family, arguing with him in relays, since Saturday afternoon.

It was not until newspapers were shown to him containing a statement that he had settled \$500,000 on Miss O'Brien, or was to do so to-morrow, that he capitulated.

His children at once took him for an automobile ride, and on his return to the house he called up Miss O'Brien, who is staying with her convent schoolmates, the Misses Amy L. and Mrs. Anne M. Sanderson of England.

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Miss O'Brien at once called her brother, James S. O'Brien, into conference. He has a fishery and cannery business at Newport, R. I., and came here yesterday on reports that Mr. Manning's children were interfering with the plans of their father and Miss O'Brien.

Miss O'Brien was located by an Evening World reporter at her apartment on Riverside Drive. She admitted the wedding had been declared off, but would not discuss the matter. Miss O'Brien has a mass of golden, red hair and large brown eyes, with wondrous long lashes. Her complexion is pink and white, and her cheeks glow with perfect health. She is about 5 feet 8 inches in height and weighs about 140 pounds.

"Yes," she said, "the marriage has been declared off; for the present, at least. The whole thing has been a terrible shock to me. I may have a statement later."

Earlier in the day Mr. O'Brien said he had been pleased to learn that his sister did not need any help, as he was sure the marriage would take place as arranged with Cardinal Farley.

"I came here to see that my sister

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This City Will Spend Two Million for Christmas Trees.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 18.—New York City is spending \$2,000,000 for Christmas trees and green shrubbery from the woods of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, according to the estimate of the New York State College of Forestry here to-day.

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TUBES SPEED UP CITY MAIL 4 TO 9 HOURS, BUT DELIVERY SERVICE DOWNTOWN IS WEAK

Evening World Test Shows 1,500,000 Residents Get No Mail After 4.30 o'Clock.

SHORTAGE OF CARRIERS.

Woeful Lack of Letter Boxes in Streets Also Accentuated by Reporter's Tour.

On Friday and Saturday last, in the midst of the heavy snowstorm, The Evening World made a test of the city mail delivery in the zone lying between the Battery and One Hundred and Forty-ninth Street, covering every branch post office station in this zone. The result may be summed up as follows:

1—Wherever the pneumatic tubes serve branch stations the delivery is as speedy and effective as could reasonably be expected.

2—Wherever the mail is not expedited by the aid of the pneumatic tube the delivery is from four to nine hours behind the schedule of postoffice zones served by tubes.

3—That in spite of the present system, even in zones having pneumatic service, a letter put in the General Post Office at Broadway and Park Row or the Hudson Terminal Branch at 2:45 or even 2:15 P. M. is not delivered the same day excepting within a few blocks of either post office named.

4—That the weakness of the city delivery system is mostly due to the general shortage of mail carriers.

5—A tour of the city such as made by The Evening World reporter accentuated the woeful lack of mail boxes.

The test brought out a number of peculiar incidents in the operation of the city delivery system. For instance, it was found that some branches are much quicker than others in stamping the date and hour of the reception of mail.

STAMPED TWO HOURS AFTER TIME OF DEPOSIT.

It was discovered that some branch offices stamp mail as having been received one and two hours after the actual time of deposit.

A letter dropped at Station D in East Twelfth Street at noon on Saturday, Dec. 16, was received at 6 that night at the Bronx office of The World stamped 1:30. Another letter dropped at the same hour at the same station and addressed to No. 143 West Sixteenth Street was not delivered until the first carrier-round this morning.

Letters addressed to the manager of the Uptown Office of The World, Broadway at Thirty-ninth Street, and dropped in the General Post Office at Broadway and Park Row and the Hudson Terminal station at 2:15 Saturday were not delivered that day. Letters addressed to the same office at 1:30 from Station 5 were delivered on the last trip of the carrier in that zone—at half past five o'clock. Letters addressed to the Bronx Office of The World an hour and a half later, and dropped at the Hudson Terminal were delivered to the Bronx Office on the 6 o'clock trip.

The important discovery, apart from the speed and effectiveness of the system wherever the pneumatic

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SON OF MARK HANNA,
WHO HAS TAKEN TO
HIMSELF WIFE NO. 4



DAN HANNA

NEW YORK STEAMER SENDS WIRELESS CALLS FOR AID

Portland, on Way From Havre to This Port, Asks for Assistance.

Wireless calls asking for assistance sent out by the American steamship Portland have been received by the naval radio station at Bermuda, according to advices received here to-day by the Maritime Exchange. The Portland is owned by the Kerr Steamship Company of New York and the latest records show she left Havre for New York Nov. 28.

At the office of the Kerr Steamship Company it was said similar reports had been received, but no direct word had been heard from the ship's captain. The vessel was returning in ballast. She registers 2,286 tons.

SIX FAMILIES NEAR DEATH THROUGH 'FIREBUG'S' WORK

Thirteenth Blaze in Same Neighborhood in Williamsburg in Last Two Months.

Tenants in the six family frame apartment house at No. 15 Floyd Street, Williamsburg, narrowly escaped death by fire this morning. Arthur Smith discovered the fire in time to warn the families in the house and with the assistance of Patrolman Beck of the Vernon Avenue Station, got them to the street.

The blaze swept from the cellar up the shaft and was beginning to mushroom out on the floors when the firemen checked it.

Detective Chief Maher discovered that a bundle of rags and papers had been spread about the cellar and out into the shaft and had then been saturated with kerosene oil. During the last two months at least twelve other fires were started in the neighborhood in the same manner and at the same time in the morning and Fire Marshal Brophy believes one man is responsible for all of them.

THREE DIE IN WRECK.

Wabash Express From Buffalo to Chicago Is Derailed.

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 18.—The Wabash express from Buffalo to Chicago was derailed this afternoon at Conestoga, Ont.

Three children were killed and a number of passengers were injured. The train was carrying a full load of passengers and freight.

DAN HANNA WEDDED FOR A FOURTH TIME; BRIDE A DIVORCEE

Marriage Took Place in Secret on Nov. 2 at Pittsfield in the Berkshire Hills.

DIVORCED THREE TIMES.

His Third Marriage Took Place Forty-Eight Hours After He Was Released.

(Special to The Evening World.)

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Dec. 18.—

Dan R. Hanna, son of Mark Hanna, has again demonstrated his unconquerable leanings toward matrimony and taken a fourth wife. She was Mrs. Molly Covington Warden, and Hanna is the second millionaire whose name she has taken. The four-time bridegroom and two-time bride are just now spending their honeymoon at Mr. Hanna's large and luxurious country place in the Berkshires between Lenox and Stockbridge. The wedding occurred on Nov. 2 last. According to relatives of the bride, it took place here in Pittsfield.

Whether that be fact or not, it is known that immediately after Mrs. Hanna No. 3 divorced Dan in Ravenshoe, O., he had a lawyer busy hunting up a State wherein publication of marriage was not required. Armed with this information, Dan and Mrs. Warden, whom he had known for a long time and had entertained in his home near Stockbridge, went to the appointed place and were secretly married. They returned to the country place and there had a reception, which was attended by numerous friends from Cleveland and by his sons, Carl H. and Mark A. Hanna 2d, and their wives.

As an affectionate tribute to his wife, it is said Dan Hanna transferred to her all his real estate holdings in the Berkshires.

The estate, which Mr. Hanna purchased in July, 1915, comprises 978 acres on the west side of Mahkeenc Lake, part of it being the farm of Mrs. Samuel Hill, daughter of the late James J. Hill.

The fourth Mrs. Hanna was one of the most attractive girls in Pittsfield twenty years ago—she is about forty-seven now—and when John Warden, whose wealth was rated then at \$500,000, saw her he became so much interested in her that he had her educated, and after a few years married her. For a number of years they lived in a villa he bought in Nice.

But all was not sunshine in the Warden home and Warden divorced his pretty and attractive wife and gave her a yearly allowance of \$12,000. One of her great admirers at that time is said to have been Dan Hanna.

About two years ago Mrs. Warden and Hanna met again and their friendship was immediately renewed. By this time Warden had married again and had gone to live in an extensive country place on Lake George, and Dan Hanna was busy entertaining the former Mrs. Warden. Now comes the wedding as the climax of their romance.

Mr. Hanna's matrimonial adventures began in 1887, when he married Miss May Harrington, daughter of a prominent Cleveland family. Three sons were born to them. In 1897 Mrs. Hanna divorced him.

The second marriage occurred in 1898, Mr. Hanna taking as his bride Mrs. Walter de S. Maud, the divorced wife of Capt. Maud, an Englishman. This union lasted until 1904, when Mrs. Hanna sued and won her freedom.

PAGE TAKES PEACE OFFER TO BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE; LLOYD GEORGE TO ANSWER

Ambassador Page Hands the Official Text to Lord Robert Cecil—Exchange of Views Already Under Way Among the Entente Allies.

NO MOVE NOW BY THE POPE, SAYS REPORT FROM ROME

ROME, Dec. 18.—The Central Powers have urged the Pope and the United States of America to back up their peace proposals, according to a report in circulation here to-day.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The peace note of the Central Powers was handed to the British Government to-day by Walter H. Page, the American Ambassador.

Ambassador Page was received in the Foreign Secretary's room by Lord Robert Cecil, who was acting for the Foreign Minister, Mr. Balfour, having just started on a three weeks' vacation.

The note was enclosed in a large white envelope. It was handed by Ambassador Page to Lord Robert without any comment and the recipient made no reference to the question of peace, simply thanking Mr. Page for the transmission of the message from the Central Powers.

The two diplomats spent a short time in conversation, but as one said: "We talked about everything but the contents of the envelope."

The note will be considered by the British Cabinet to-morrow, it being received too late to-day to enable the council to be called.

Prior to receipt of the note by the British Foreign Office the deliveries to other countries had permitted exchanges concerning the exact official contents.

The impression prevails in official circles that until the terms Germany proposes are disclosed a conference is impossible.

A. Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that Premier Lloyd George would be in the House to-morrow to make his statement regarding the British Government's policy.

The Premier's speech is expected to show the general attitude of the British Government. Thereafter exchanges between the Entente Allies will determine the nature of the joint reply.

It is understood the assertion made in the German note that the war was forced upon Germany will not be permitted to go unchallenged and that as a matter of historical record Germany's part in the events leading to the war will be clearly shown.

What is termed by British officials as Germany's methods of conducting war against a civilian population—women and children particularly—in the recent Belgian deportations, also is likely to be pointed out. According to the latest advices reaching the Entente Governments the number of Belgians deported has reached 120,000.

WILSON REFUSES TO GIVE ANY HINT OF ACTION ON PEACE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Two score newspapermen fired interrogations at President Wilson to-day when he met them for the first time in more than a year for formal conference in his Executive office.

The President opened up by clamping the lid down on any peace talk. He let it be known the subject would

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